(DAP) in the country during the 8th Five Year Plan. The 8th Plan has however, not been finalised,

(b) The international prices of DAP as also Phosphoric Acid are subject to fluctuations. Normally, it is not possible to produce DAP indigenously at a competitive price based on imported Phosphoric Acid.

(d) At present, there is no need for a licence for the production of fertilizers including DAP. The Government will, (however, encouraged, wherever possible. retrofitting and revamping of existing plants compared to setting up of new plants since this can be achieved at relatively lower capital costs.

Grant of Product—Patents for Drugs

3088. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether some proposals to grant product-patents for drugs are under consideration;

(b) if so, give details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to frame new set of rules and regulations while granting product-patents of drugs;

(d) whether any progress has since been made;

(e) if so, the details thereof with benefits to accrue therefrom; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA-MOHAN): (a) to (f) The requisite information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fixing the prices of fertilizers

3089. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact the prices of fertilizers have been fiexd on international price basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cost of production of fertilizer is less in India than in foreign countries; and

(c) whether there is any scope for reduction in fertilizer prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN); (a) No, Sir.

(b) While the cost of production of fertilisers in some production units are less than the comparable price of imported fertilizers in the feed-stock prices and cost of imported raw materials.

(c) Because of increase in input prices and capital cost of new plants, cost of production of fertilizers has been increasing. However, the question whether there is any scope for reduction in the prices of fertilizers is one of the terms of reference of a recently cortstituetd Parliamentary Committee.

Amount due under Equalisation Fond Account ..

3090. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY;

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Ques-trion 670 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) what was the amount due under Equalisation Fund Account on 1st Jan uary 1991 and on 1st December, 1991 and what are the names of companies from whom amount was recovered during this period; and

(b) what is the balance amount avail able under DPEA as on 1st December, 1991 and how much amount hat been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA-MOHAN; (a) No amount has been received during the period 1.1.1991 to 1.12.1991

for deposit into DPEA, and thus the figure fialready submitted remains unchanged.

(b) The information about the balance amount available under DPEA as on 1.12,91 will be laid on the Table of the House, after reconciling the figures with the STC and the Pay and Accounts Office of the Department. However, no payment out of the accumulations has been made during the period 1-1-1991 to 1-12-91.

Names of formulations produced by multinational drug companies

3091. SHRIMATI BUOY A CHAKRAVARTY: SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what, are the names of formulations being produced by each of the multinational drug companies based on imported bulk drugs and since when each company is producing from imported bulk drugs;

(b) what is the name of bulk drug on which each formulation is based;

(c) what are the names of leading formulations of each company and what is the name of follower of each;

(d) what is the CIF Price of drug on Which each price of formulation is fixed and when each price was fixed; and

(e) what is the present CIF price of each of those drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN); (a) to (e) The information asked for is too voluminous and time and labour involved in collection is not commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Bulk drugs produced by multinational drug companiets

3092. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: SHRI H HANUMANTHAPPA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1650 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state;

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs being produced by each of the multina tional drug companies;

(b) what is the stage from which each drug is produced in the country; and

(c) what are the names of price control led drugs and what is the price fixed for each and when the price was notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) To the extent information available, the names of bulk drugs being produced by multinational drug companies is given in the Statement (See below)

(b) After the announcement of Drug Policy of 1986, PMP is fixed for each pulk drug based on the report of the technical committee.

(c) The names of price controlled drugs have been given in schedules I and II of the DPCO, 1987. The prices of scheduled drugs are fixed/revised by this Ministry from time to time and are notified in the Gazette of India, the copies of which are available in the Library of Parliament.

Statement

The names of the multinational companies operating in the country and bulk drugs being produced by them.

Name of company/Drugs produced 1. M/s. Anglo French,

(i) CWordiazeporide
(ii) Diazepam (iii) Nitrazepam
(iv) Trimethoprim